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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

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1. THE SECOND PLENARY MEETING OF THE SEVENTH ROUND AND
SEVENTY-EIGHT OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS TOOK PLACE OCTOBER
3, 1975. CZECHOSLOVAK REP LAHODA DELIVERED THE ONLY STATEMENT,
THE FULL TEXT OF WHICH IS BEING SENT BY AIRGRAM. THIS
TELEGRAM SUMMARIZES MAIN POINTS OF LAHODA'S PRESENTATION:

A. THE STATEMENTS OF BOTH SIDES AT THE OPENING PLENARY
SESSION OF THE CURRENT ROUND MADE ONE POINT IN COMMON,
NAMELY, THAT THE DESIRED PROGRESS IN THE VIENNA TALKS HAD NOT
YET BEEN ACHIEVED.

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B. IT WAS USEFUL TO REFLECT ON THE REASONS FOR THE LACK

OF PROGRESS IN VIENNA, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE FAVORABLE POST-CSCE CLIMATE HAS BROUGHT THE QUESTION OF MILITARY DETENTE IN CENTRAL EUROPE TO THE FORE.

C. THE REASONS FOR THE LACK OF PROGRESS SO FAR ARE FOUND IN THE DIFFERENT ATTITUDES OF THE TWO SIDES TO THE PROBLEMS OF REDUCTIONS.

D. THESE DIFFERENCES PERTAIN TO: (A) HOW TO CARRY ON THE NEGOTIATIONS AND WHAT IS TO BE EXPECTED FROM THEM; (B) THE SOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED; AND (C) THE QUALITY OF INITIATIVES AND INTENSITY OF EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE RESULTS.

E. THE EAST REGARDS IT NATURAL THAT THE TALKS MUST PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY AND NOT, AS THE NATO STATES APPEAR TO BELIEVE, AS THOUGH A COMPENSATION AGREEMENT WERE BEING NEGOTIATED.

F. THE SOCIALIST STATES COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO ACCEPT ARRANGEMENTS WHICH DID NOT OBLIGATE ALL DIRECT PARTICIPANTS TO THE SAME MEASURE AND EXTENT.

G. WESTERN ARGUMENTS FOR RETAINING A FREE HAND FOR NATO MILITARILY ARE BASED NOT ON DETENTE BUT ON THE ANTICIPATION OF FUTURE CONFRONTATIONS, AS IS THE CONTINUING QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE BUILD-UP OF NATO FORCES.

H. THE TWO SIDES ALSO DISAGREE ON THE MEANING OF THE PRINCIPLE OF NO UNILATERAL MILITARY ADVANTAGES.

I. THE EXISTING FORCE STABILITY FROM THE CURRENT CORRELATION OF POLITICAL AND MILITARY FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE ENABLED THE VIENNA TALKS TO BEGIN.

J. IN KEEPING WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF NO UNILATERAL MILITARY ADVANTAGES, THIS HISTORICALLY DEVELOPED RELATIONSHIP OF FORCES IN THE AREA MUST BE PRESERVED, THOUGH AT A LOWER LEVEL.

K. THE EAST HAS MADE UNTIRING EFFORTS AND SHOWN GREAT CONFIDENTIAL

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FLEXIBILITY IN SEEKING POSITIVE RESULTS IN VIENNA.

L. THE WESTERN PARTICIPANTS SHOULD RECONSIDER THEIR POSITION, CEASE INSISTING ON UNACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS, AND PROCEED IN A MANNER CONFORMING STRICTLY TO THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY.

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